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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION
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This Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action of March 28, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. A data communication link comprising a data transmitter station coupled by an optical communication channel to a data receiver station,
wherein the data transmitter station includes a multi-power-level optical source connected to receive data words of n digital bits and arranged to encode the bits of each word into one of m optical power levels of a single wavelength optical signal, the multi-power-level output signal of the optical source being transmitted along the optical communications channel to the data receiver station, said data receiver station including a data-decoding receiver arranged to receive and decode said multi-power level single wavelength optical signal into n bit digital words, and wherein said receiver station further comprises a received-signal condition monitor coupled by a control channel to a control device located in the data transmitter station, said condition monitor being arranged to sense the level of a predetermined characteristic of the